**About Shakespeare**  
Click on [this link](http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/timeline/timeline.htm) and answer the following questions (1-7).

1. Click on the link to Birth 1564 & Early Years. William Shakespeare was born in what year?

* William Shakespeare was born in April 1564.

1. What date do we recognize as his birthday?

* We recognize April 23rd as his birthday.

1. What was important about Stratford-upon-Avon in the 16th century?

* It was an important agricultural center and market town.

1. Click on the link for 1594 and find the acting companies Shakespeare was associated with in the early days. Name one.

* The Queens Men was an action company Shakespeare was associated with.

1. Click on 1599 The Great Globe. What is the probable year that Romeo and Juliet was written?

* Romeo and Juliet was probably written in 1595.

1. Scroll down to the section "Construction of the Globe," and answer these questions:
   1. Where did the timbers to build the Globe come from?

* It came across from the Thames River
  1. Who was the carpenter who built the Globe?
* The globe was built by Peter Smith.
  1. What was Shakespeare's share as "householder?"
* It was one-fifth or fifty percent of the profits.

1. What day and year did Shakespeare die? Why is this an *interesting* date? How old was Shakespeare when he died?

* He died April 23rd, 1616. This is an interesting date because he was born on April 23rd. He was 52 years old when he died.

**About Marriage**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/9.html) and answer the next questions (8-10).

1. Romeo & Juliet marry secretly, but because she is trying to escape the arranged marriage to Paris. Read this site about marriage in Elizabethan England and answer these questions.
   1. What does betrothal mean?

* Betrothals is the start of the marriage when two people hold hands.
  1. Name three marriage and betrothal customs found on this page.
* It is lucky to have a wedding before noon. Betrothal can be broken up mu mutual consent and the contract is sealed with a kiss

Click on the link for "more wedding customs."

* 1. What color should the bride's dress be?
* Is shouldn’t be white but should be a very fashionable dress.
  1. How the intention to marry is announced? What happens if it is not announced previous to the event?
* It must be announced in the church three times on three consecutive Sundays or Holy days.
  1. Describe the wedding procession.
* The procession is noisy, accompanied by musicians, laughter and bawdy jokes. If the groom is not part of the procession, he meets the bride at the side door of the church or the altar.
  1. What is a dowry?
* The dowry is the amount of money, goods, and property the bride brings to the marriage.

1. Explain how important is a wedding ring to the Elizabethans?

* It’s important because it shows there commitment and love towards each other.

**About Food**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/46.html) and continue (11-13).

1. How many meals do people generally eat each day?

* They generally eat two meals a day.

1. Click [here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/38.html). Why would people in Shakespeare's day not know what a chocolate chip cookie is?

* Some things that are popular in another country may never make there way to England.

1. Lord Capulet throws a huge party, feast and all. Imagine you are in charge of that menu. Luckily for you, today you only have to plan a menu for a small dinner party. Be sure to use only [food available in Europe](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/47.html) during this time. Choose at least two vegetables, two meats, and two fruits or nuts.

* The two vegetables I would choose is celery and spinach. The two meats would be chicken and salmon. The fruit they would eat is apples and plums

**About Language**  
Click on [this link](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/20.html) and continue (14-16).

1. A famous line from *Romeo and Juliet* is when Juliet says, "Romeo, Romeo, wherefore art thou Romeo?" What does "wherefore" mean?

* “wherefore” means why

1. What does "stay" mean?

* “stay” means to wait

1. [Click here](http://elizabethan.org/compendium/29.html) to get the information you need to translate this conversation. Put your translation in column two. Keep the phrases just about the same, but use Elizabethan words where you can. So, in other words, you rewrite the entire phrase but replace as many words as you can using Elizabethan English.

|| **Person A** || Hello. (A sneezes) Excuse me. || || good day. (sneezes) pray pardon

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| **Person B** | Gesundheit! God save you |  |
| **A** | Thank you. I thank thee |  |
| **B** | Say, do you know where the closest bathroom is?say do you know where the closet privy is |  |
| **A** | Certainly. It's down the street in the Kings Tavern. Certes. Its down the street in the kings tavern |  |
| **B** | Thanks. Goodbye. Gramercy. Good day |  |

**About Theatre in Shakespeare's Time**  
"[Actors, Acting, & Audience](http://www.uni-koeln.de/phil-fak/englisch/shakespeare/)" is the link for the next questions (16-19).

1. How many women actors did the company usually feature?

* There were no women. They were all men and boys.

1. Was Shakespeare an actor? What was the term used to refer to actors?

* Yes Shakespeare was an actor. They refer to actors as players.

1. How were the seating arrangements for the audience? How did one get a good seat?

* They were closed-packs and there were no reserved seats. First come first served

1. What would the audience do if they did not like a performance?

* They would pelt the actor with oranges or anything hard, they would also hit and shout.

**Shakespearean Insults**

1. Go to the [Shakespearean Insult Kit](http://www.mit.edu:8001/people/dryfoo/Funny-pages/shakespeare-insult-kit.html) and create your own insult. How you do it is to start with the word "Thou." Next, take a phrase/word from the first column to begin your insult, continue by adding something from the second column, and finish it up royally with something from the third column. Type your own personal Shakespearean insult in the table below. [Thou + choice from column 1 + choice from column 2 + choice from column 3 = your custom made insult].

Thou fobbing elf-skinned scut.